



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 30, 2004

H.R. 4362

A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to accept a parcel of federal land in the state of Washington in trust for the Nisqually Tribe, to ensure that the acceptance of such land does not adversely affect the Bonneville Power Administration, and for other purposes

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on May 19, 2004

H.R. 4362 would allow the Department of the Interior to take into trust a parcel of federal land in the state of Washington for the Nisqually Tribe. In exchange for the land, the tribe would provide an adjacent parcel of land to the Department of the Army. Under the bill, the Army would provide an easement to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) for the purpose of removing about 1 mile of transmission power lines from the land that would be taken into trust for the tribe under the bill.

Based on information from BPA, CBO estimates that moving a transmission line from the land that would be transferred to the tribe under the bill would cost \$3.4 million over the 2005-2006 period. The transmission line would be relocated to other federal land under the bill.

Because BPA recoups its costs through the rates it charges its customers for electricity and transmission services, we would expect BPA to recover about \$750,000 of that cost over the 2005-2009 period, about \$1.8 million over 10 years, and all of that cost over roughly 40 years—the asset life of the project. Because BPA's spending authority is not subject to appropriation, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4362 would result in net direct spending of \$2.6 million over the 2005-2009 period and \$1.6 million over the 2005-2014 period.

H.R. 4362 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no significant costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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